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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Office of Legal Counsel

DATE: February 12, 1975

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Acting Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, et al., v. American Telephone & Telegraph Company, et al., C.A. 74-1889 (D.D.C.)

The above-captioned case was filed by the named plaintiffs in an effort to force AT&T to adopt a policy of notifying, at least five days in advance, a member of the news media that his telephone toll billing records are the subject of a subpoena or other lawful demand. This would not only put the subject on notice that his records were being investigated, but also would afford him an opportunity to challenge the release of such information. The plaintiffs are particularly concerned that this would destroy the anonymity of their confidential sources.

While AT&T intends to file a Motion to Dismiss, it is clear that the real party in interest in this suit is the United States. In an effort to protect those interests we intend to intervene as party-defendants.

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We would appreciate your views and comments on the impact of such an "advance notice" policy on the Bureau's abilities to conduct successful investigations into criminal behavior. Specific instances of possible hardship on your effective functioning would be beneficial to our preparation of an opposition to such an advance notice policy.

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Although the Bureau is not a named party in the suit, we believe that the impact on it would be serious. Accordingly, we would appreciate receiving your comments by March 5, 1975. A copy of the complaint is enclosed for your information.

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Plaintiff John Pierson is a journalist employed by The Wall Street Journal. Plaintiff Pierson has a business office at Room 245, National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045, and resides at 8051 Parkside Lane, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

Plaintiff David E. Rosenbaum is a journalist employed by The New York Times. Plaintiff Rosenbaum has a business office at 1920 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and resides at 3704 Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015.

Plaintiff Richard Salant is the President of CBS News, a division of CBS, Inc. Plaintiff Salant has a business office at 524 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019, and resides at Wing Road, New Canann, Connecticut 06840.

Plaintiff Daniel Schorr is a journalist employed by CBS News. Plaintiff Schorr has a business office at 2020 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and resides at 3113 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

Plaintiff Frederick Taylor is a journalist employed by Dow Jones & Co., Inc. Plaintiff Taylor has a business office at 22 Cortlandt Street, New York, New York 10007, and resides at 154 Unadilla Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450.

4. Plaintiff Dow Jones & Co., Inc. is a corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Delaware, with headquarters at 22 Cortlandt Street, New York, New York 10007. Plaintiff Dow Jones & Co., Inc., publishes The Wall Street Journal and collects and